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SUBJECT: SHABA INVASION: SITREP 62 (MAY 18, 1977)

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1. FOLLOWING IS THE 62ND MISSION-WIDE SURVEY INCLUDING REPORTS  
FROM LUBUMBASHI.

MILITARY SITUATION AS OF 171700Z MAY 77.

NOTE: ALL GEOGRAPHIC REFERENCES ARE TAKEN FROM JOINT OPERATIONS

GRAPHIC SERIES 1501 MAPS.

2. HOSTILE FORCES:

A. DDN BELIEVES THAT HOSTILE FORCES HAVE MOVED JUST UNDER A TON OF MINES AND AMMUNITION INTO KISENGE (1042S/2311E) BY LIGHT AIRCRAFT. NO DETAILS PROVIDED AS TO THE BASIS FOR THIS BELIEF.

B. NO OTHER REPORTS OF HOSTILE ACTIVITIES RECEIVED.

3. ZAIRIAN FORCES:

A. NO REPORT RECEIVED FROM THE KAPANGA SUB SECTOR.

B. THE VUADI BATTALION (MINUS) REMAINS IN VICINITY OF MAKEHELE (0941S/2329E), JUST WEST OF SAMUYEMBA (0941S/2331E). ONE COMPANY OF THE VUADI BATTALION HAS MOVED SOUTH AND AS OF 161600Z MAY WAS AT PWELETE (0955S/2339E). THIS COMPANY HAS ORDERS TO CONTINUE MOVING SOUTH, TO LINK UP WITH THE SHABANI BATTALION.

C. THE SHABANI BATTALION OF TASK FORCE IKUKU HAS MOVED NORTH OUT OF KASAJI AND AS 161600Z MAY REPORTED ITS LOCATION AS NASONI (1003S/2330E).

D. THE TSHIEMBE BATTALION OF TASK FORCE IKUKU HAS MOVED 40 KMS SOUTH OF KASAJI TOWARD LUASHI (1055S/2336E). AFTER REACHING LUASHI, THIS BATTALION IS TO TURN WEST TOWARD KISENGE (1042S/2311E).

E. REMAINDER OF COL. IKUKU'S TASK FORCE HAS ESTABLISHED A BRIDGEHEAD ON THE WEST BANK OF LUKOSHI RIVER NEAR SAPASA (1027S/2308E) AS OF 161600Z MAY. THE TSHIBUNGU BATTALION HAS BEEN ORDERED TO PRESS FORWARD ON 17 MAY TOWARD DJONGO STATION (1036S/2301E) AND SAMBEMBA (1036S/2252E) AT THE LULUA RIVER. MEANWHILE, THE AHANO BATTALION OF TASK  
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FORCE IKUKU IS TO TURN SOUTHWARD TOWARD KISENGE TO JOIN WITH THE TSHIEMBE BATTALION COMING FROM THE EAST TOWARD KISENGE. NO REPORTS YET AT DDN ON THESE ACTIONS.

F. FAZ IS WORKING ON REPAIRING THE DAMAGE TO THE ROAD AND RAIL BRIDGES OVER THE LUKOSHI RIVER AT SAPASA WITH MOROCCAN ASSISTANCE.

G. COL DIKUTA IS BELIEVED TO HAVE MOVED HIS FORWARD COMMAND POST TO KAFAKUMBA (0940S/2346E), TO EXERCISE BETTER CONTROL OF THE VUADI AND KABANGU BATTALIONS.

H. NO REPORT YET FROM THE BG LIKULIA MISSION, BEYOND HIS REQUEST FOR MORE GUARDS NOTED IN SITREP 61.

4. MOROCCAN FORCES: NO REPORTED CHANGE IN THE ASSIGNMENT OF THE DIR'S.

5. AIR

A. VISUAL RECON BY A FRENCH OBSERVER REVEALS THAT THE RUNWAY AT KISENGE IS IN GOOD CONDITION. TWO TRUCKS WERE ALSO SEEN THERE.

B. AS OF 15 MAY VISUAL RECON CONFIRMED THAT THE LULUA RIVER BRIDGES WERE UNDAMAGED.

C. NO TACAIR OR AIRLIFT DATA PROVIDED BY DDN.

6. DOMESTIC PRESS: THERE ARE ONLY THREE CURSORY MENTIONS OF SHABA IN TODAY'S (MAY 18) NEWSPAPERS. IN A "SALONGO" EDITORIAL SHABA IS MENTIONED ONLY IN THE CONTEXT OF GERMAN/ZAIRIAN RELATIONS. IN "ELIMA" A SMALL ARTICLE ANNOUNCES AN EGYPTIAN GIFT OF CLOTHING TO ZAIRE FOR USE IN SHABA. IT ALSO RUNS 3 WAR PHOTOS ON AN INSIDE PAGE. THE BALANCE OF THE COVERAGE MAINLY DEALS WITH GERMANY AND THE MAY 20TH CELEBRATIONS COMMEMORATING THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NATIONAL PARTY. RADIO & TV EDITORIALS, HOWEVER, CONTINUE TO HIT HARD AGAINST THE SOVIETS.

7. DOMESTIC POLITICAL ACTIVITY:

A. KINSHASA: BUSINESS AS USUAL. CELEBRATION OF THE 10TH CONFIDENTIAL

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ANNIVERSARY OF THE MOUVEMENT POPULAIRE DE LA REVOLUTION BEGINS TODAY IN KINSHASA. IN ADDITION TO CEREMONIES COMMEMORATING THE DEATH OF MOBUTU'S MOTHER SIX YEARS AGO, THERE WILL BE SPORTS TOURNAMENTS, DRAMATIC PRESENTATIONS, POLITICAL RALLIES AND SPEECHES, AND A PARADE ON MAY 20 ITSELF. THE REST OF ZAIRE WILL BE MARKING THE ANNIVERSARY IN SIMILAR FASHION.

B. LUBUMBASHI: BUSINESS AS USUAL. TO INAUGURATE MPR DAY CELEBRATIONS SCHEDULED FOR MAY 20, A "MARCH OF THE FLAME" IS SCHEDULED FOR THE AFTERNOON OF MAY 18. THERE ARE RUMORS THAT BOTH MAY 19 AND 20 WILL BE DECLARED HOLIDAYS.

C. KOLWEZI: MILITARY AND CIVILIAN HEADQUARTERS AT KOLWEZI HAVE BEGUN TO EXUDE AN AIR OF TRIUMPH. PREVIOUS HECTIC ATMOSPHERE HAS ALSO BECOME MUCH MORE RELAXED IN RECENT DAYS.

D. KAMINA: NO CHANGE REPORTED.

8. DIPLOMATIC ACTIVITY

A. DIPLOMATIC SCENE CONTINUES TO BE DOMINATED BY VISIT OF FRG VICE-CHANCELLOR/FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER. SPEECHES BY NGUZA AND GENSCHER AT DINNER THE EVENING OF MAY 16 WERE TELEVISED EVENING OF MAY 17. NGUZA ACKNOWLEDGED FRG'S EARLY AND PROMPT RESPONSE TO MOBUTU'S APPEAL FOR AID IN COUNTERING INVASION OF SHABA BY SENDING FOOD AND MEDICAL SUPPLIES. GENSCHER, IN TURN, CONDEMNED ALL EFFORTS TO ESTABLISH "EXTRA-AFRICAN" SPHERES OF INFLUENCE ON THE AFRICAN CONTINENT. PRIOR TO DINNER, FINANCIAL AGREEMENT FOR 11 MILLION DM CREDIT WAS SIGNED BY THE TWO SIDES. GENSCHER ARRIVED IN LUBUMBASHI AT 1530 ON MAY 17 WITH AN ENTOURAGE OF ABOUT 65 OR 70 PEOPLE FOR FOUR-HOUR VISIT WITH MOBUTU WHO HAD FLOWN INTO TOWN EARLIER IN THE DAY FROM KOLWEZI. THE HONORARY GERMAN CONSUL REPORTED THAT ONE OR MORE COOPERATIVE ACCORDS WERE SIGNED IN LUBUMBASHI DURING THE VISIT, BUT HAD NO DETAILS. THE ATMOSPHERE WAS VERY RELAXED AND FRIENDLY DESPITE

THE RECENT PROBLEMS WITH THE STERN JOURNALISTS SUSPECTED OF BEING SPIES. COINCIDENTLY, THE GERMAN SATELLITE LAUNCHING STATION, OTRAG, LOCATED IN EASTERN SHABA, LAUNCHED ITS FIRST ROCKET ON MAY 17, ABOUT 1930, THE LUFTWAFFE 707 DEPARTED WITH THE GERMAN ENTOURAGE AND PRESIDENT MOBUTU RETURNED TO KOLWEZI.  
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B. PRESS GAVE PLAY TO ARRIVAL IN ZAIRE MAY 17 OF EGYPTIAN SUPPLIED FOOD AND CLOTHING, IN ADDITION TO EARLIER ARRIVAL OF "FIFTY" MILITARY PILOTS AND A MEDICAL TEAM.

9. AMERICAN CITIZEN SITUATION: STILL NO CONTACT WITH MISSIONARIES IN OCCUPIED AREAS REPORTED.

10. THERE WILL BE NO SITREP TOMORROW, MAY 19.

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